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1. FOLLOWING MEETING OF FIFTH COMITE NOV. 21, P.M.,
EGYPTIAN REP (OSMAN) APPEALED TO US AND CANADIAN DELS TO
DEVELOP LANGUAGE FOR 35 POWER DRAFT RES WHICH WOULD BE
"FACE SAVING" DEVICE FOR YEMENI DEL TO PERMIT LATTER
TO WITHDRAW HIS AMENDMENT. DURING LATE EVENING,
CANADIAN DEL (MATHESON) DRAFTED LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION
AS A NEW PREAMBULAR PARA 5 TO 35 POWER RES.

2. MORNING OF NOV 22, LANGUAGE FORMULATED BY CANADIAN
REP DISTRIBUTED AND DISCUSSED IN FIFTH COMITE WEO MEETING.
AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION WEO MEMBERS REACHED CONSENSUS
ON CANADIAN PARA AND REQUESTED MATHESON TO FLOAT LANGUAGE WITH
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THAT EGYPTIANS AND CO-SPONSORS OF 35 POWER DRAFT RES. LANGUAGE

WAS: "AWARE OF THE NEED TO GIVE, IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS RES, SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THOSE MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION IN THE ME ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA WHERE THE EMERGENCY FORCE WILL BE OPERATING." DURING COURSE OF FIFTH COMITE MEETING, EGYPTIAN, CANADIAN AND US DELS CONSULTED EXTENSIVELY ON LANGUAGE WHICH WAS INTENDED TO REPLACE CUBA/YEMEN AMENDMENT.

3. INITIALLY, CANADIAN LANGUAGE WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO EGYPTIANS, WHO INSISTED PHRASE "OCCUPIED TERRITORIES" BE INCLUDED. AFTER CONTINUED CONSULTATION, EGYPTIAN REP, WITH CANADIAN CONCURRENCE, AGREED TO ABOVE MENTIONED LANGUAGE WITH DELETION OF PHRASES "WHICH HAVE SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION "AND" ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA." EGYPTIAN AND CANADIAN REPS THEN CONSULTED RESPECTIVELY WITH ARAB DELS AND CO-SPONSORS OF 35-POWER RES. AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON AMENDED LANGUAGE ON CONDITION THAT US DEL WOULD ACCEPT. USUN REQUESTED TELEPHONIC CLEARANCE FROM DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS RECEIVED NEAR END OF FIFTH COMITE MEETING. DEPARTMENT, IN GIVING CONCURRENCE, DID SO ON CONDITION THAT A) LANGUAGE IN NO WAY WOULD EFFECT SCALE CONTAINED IN 35-POWER RES AND PERMIT ANY MEMBER TO OPT OUT; B) WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON CUBA/YEMEN/AMENDMENT BEING WITHDRAWN AND C) ARABS WOULD AGREE TO MINIMIZE AND TONE DOWN ANY STATEMENTS MADE IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE. EGYPTIAN REP AGREED TO THESE CONDITIONS. JUST WHEN ALL THOUGHT THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT REACHED, YEMENI REP (AL-SHARAFI) INFORMED EGYPTIANS THAT HIS DEL COULD NOT ACCEPT AMENDED CANADIAN LANGUAGE AND CONSEQUENTLY WOULD NOT WITHDRAW ITS AMENDMENT. CONG. BUCHANAN AND MISSOFFS TRIED TO PERSUADE YEMENI REP TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE WHICH ALL HAD AGREED TO, BUT TO NO AVAIL. EGYPTIAN REP ALSO MADE EFFORT TO GET YEMENI TO ACCEPT, BUT HE TOO WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. EGYPTIAN REP, HOWEVER, SAID THAT AMENDED CANADIAN LANGUAGE CONTINUED TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIS DELEGATION.

4. AT REQUEST OF USUN, CONG. BUCHANAN, AMB. SCHAUFLELE AND MISSOFFS MET PRIVATELY WITH YEMENI PERM REP AL-CONFIDENTIAL

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ATTAR AND AL-SHARAGI. YEMENIS TOOK FIRM POSITION THAT AMENDED CANADIAN LANGUAGE WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THEM BUT WHEN PRESSED FOR REASONS THEY COULD NOT GIVE ANY. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION YEMENIS SAID THEY WOULD WITHDRAW CUBAN/YEMENI AMENDMENT PRIOR TO VOTING IN FIFTH COMITE, NOV. 23, BUT WOULD NOT ACCEPT CANADIAN AMENDED LANGUAGE.

5. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH YEMENIS, AL-SHARAFI ARGUED REPEATEDLY THAT HE WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS CAPITAL AND CONSEQUENTLY COULD NOT ACCEPT AMENDED CANADIAN LANGUAGE. AL-SHARAFI ALSO REITERATED THAT HE HAD PROPOSED HIS AMENDMENT AT REQUEST OF EGYPTIANS AND THEREFORE COULD NOT ACCEPT CHANGE; WE POINTED OUT IN PRESENCE OF EGYPTIAN REP THAT AMENDED CANADIAN LANGUAGE WAS ACCEPTABLE TO EGYPTIAN DEL. LATTER, IN OBVIOUS EXPRESSION OF DISGUST, THEN LEFT DISCUSSION. ARAB "GAMESMANSHIP" HAS BEEN MOST APPARENT DURING PAST DAY OR SO ON THIS QUESTION AND WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY DEVELOPMENTS TODAY. YEMENI "ON-AGAIN OFF-AGAIN" POSITION FURTHER HIGHLIGHTED BY EVENTS REPORTED REF TELS C & D.

6. WHEREAS FIFTH COMITE CHAIRMAN INTENDED ANNOUNCE AT TODAY'S MEETING VOTING PROCEDURE ON ITEM IN FIFTH COMITE NOV 23, A.M., HE DELAYED DOING SO DUE TO ABOVE TURN OF EVENTS. GROUP OF 77 HAS CALLED MEETING FOR 10:00 A.M. NOV. 23RD TO TRY TO SORT OUT PIECES AND IN PARTICULAR TO BRING AS MANY ARABS AS POSSIBLE ON BOARD IN SUPPORT OF 35 POWER DRAFT RES. WHILE IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT CUBA/YEMEN DRAFT WILL BE WITHDRAWN (WHICH IS POSITION OF CO-SPONSORS), AT OPENING OF FIFTH COMITE MEETING NOV. 23RD WE CANNOT PREDICT FATE OF CANADIAN AMENDED LANGUAGE. KENYAN, IRANIAN AND ARGENTINIAN DELS TOLD MISOFF THAT THEY WILL "TAKE CARE OF ARABS" AND ARRIVE AT POSITION WHICH IS MOST LIKELY TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM ARAB SUPPORT OF 35 POWER DRAFT RES. MISSION FINDS SITUATION EXTREMELY FLUID AND MUST AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS NOV 23RD.

7. MISSION SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT CONSIDER WHETHER
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ADDITIONAL APPROACHES IN CAPITALS OF INFO ADDRESSEES
WOULD BE HELPFUL TO CLARIFY SITUATION PRIOR TO FIFTH
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